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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Li for the indication of allowable subject matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-7, 9-10, 16, 18, 19, 23 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Patel et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,332,215; hereinafter Patel) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Allowable subject matter of claim 24 has been incorporated into claim 1. Subject matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 24 has been incorporated into claims 17 and 18. Claims 2-16, 19-23 and 25 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 18 which are believed to be allowable. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 8, 11-13, 17 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel in view of Tremblay

et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,021,469; hereinafter Tremblay) has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Claims 8, 11-15 and 20-22 depend, directly or indirectly, from either claim 1 or claim 18 which are believed to be allowable. Subject matter similar to the allowable subject matter of claim 24 has been incorporated into claim 17. As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW

In a telephone interview on August 31, 2005 between Applicants' representative, Robert Miller, and Examiner Li claims 1, 23 and 24 were discussed. Specifically, the indication in the Office Action that claim 24 was allowable was discussed. Examiner Li stated that claim 24 was allowable because of the recited connections. Examiner Li further stated that claim 24 being allowable was not dependent upon the subject matter of intervening claim 23. Agreement was reached that the above amendments to claims 1, 17, 18 and 23 would put the claims in condition for allowance.

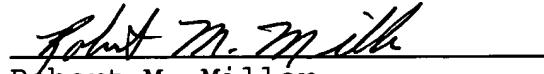
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at 586-498-0670 should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Respectfully submitted,

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